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JOHN M. HIGGINS, WIDELY KNOWN, DIES AT RIPE AGE



MR. JOHN M. HIGGINS.

DR. WILLIAMS DENIES CHARGES

In a Letter Written From
Shanghai He Declares
Them to Be False.

"MY CONSCIENCE IS
CLEAR, GOD KNOWS."

Demands to Know Why The
"Outrageous Assault" Was
Not Made While He Was at
the Eastern State Hos-
pital—Did What He
Believed Was Good.

Dr. H. McGuire Williams, a surgeon in
the United States Navy, stationed at
Shanghai, has written The Times-Dis-
patch a vigorous and positive denial of
charges made against him in connection
with the late investigation of the Eastern
State Hospital.

Dr. Williams served for three years as
intern at the hospital, and during that
time had charge of the medical patients.
During the trial several attendants as-
serted that the intern had practiced in a
cruel manner on the patients under his
care.

Before the investigation had concluded
a number of prominent physicians and
surgeons appeared before the legislative
committee and testified not only to the
high character of Dr. Williams, but also
that his treatment of the cases in point
was along the line of the best medical
authority.

Among those who testified in his be-
half were Dr. Edward McGuire, Dr.
Robert C. Bryan, of Richmond; Dr.
Aylatt, of Newport News, and Drs. Blair
Spencer, Southall and Foster, of Wil-
liamsburg.

Dr. Dunn, the member of the legislative
committee made upon Dr. Williams, was
quick to repeat the charges made against
Dr. Williams, whose father, for many
years a resident of Albemarle county,
was a brave soldier on General Stonewall
Jackson's staff.

It was the consensus of opinion that
the attack made upon Dr. Williams failed
in its purpose, for his friends did not
fail to protect his reputation in his ab-
sence.

Dr. Williams' Letter.

The letter follows:

Shanghai, China,
June 14, 1906.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Dear Sir,—Having just received several
copies of The Times-Dispatch from my
home in the United States, containing
charges made against me before the
investigation committee appointed by the
last General Assembly of Virginia to in-
vestigate the affairs of the Eastern State
Hospital, Williamsburg, Va., please allow
me space in your valuable paper to reply
to the outrageous assault.

Charge of inhuman and cruel treat-
ment to the patients of that institution
by me, are absolutely false. This state-
ment has been made by that clique
at the asylum, and was simply done for
a motive, and the source is unworthy of
consideration. No one at that institution
was ever kinder and more considerate of
those poor unfortunate than myself. It
was my first intention on being appointed
to the asylum to treat the patients
with the utmost kindness and always to
do the very best of my power to direct
any one suffering from mental disease.

Whatever I did I was
actuated by the purest motives on earth.
I was trying to restore the minds of
those unfortunate. I feel now, if I had
done what I did, I wouldn't have dis-
charged my duty. I sincerely hope these
trial ends, these inhuman slanders
will yet be refuted and proven that they
proceeded from men who had several
times before this, during my stay at the
hospital, confessed their animosity to-
wards me because of the performance of
my duty in reporting them to Dr. Foster
for dereliction of their duty. It seems
to me, if there had been any ground for
this erroneous attack, it would have been
brought to the attention of the superin-
tendent of the board, while I was con-
nected with the asylum for three years.
My work was open at all times for in-
spection, and the treatment approved by
the superintendent. Therefore, I do hope
before the investigation closes, I will be
thoroughly vindicated. For God knows
my conscience is clear of any cruel treat-
ment or any wrongdoing to a single
patient.

Very respectfully,

H. MCGUIRE WILLIAMS, M. D.

Was Nearly Four-Score,
and Had Led an
Active Life.

LIVED IN RICHMOND
NEARLY 50 YEARS

A Factor in the Business, Social,
Religious and Civic Life of
the Community—For Many
Years a Member of
the Council—His
Family.

Mr. John M. Higgins, one of the best
and most widely known business men of
Richmond, for eighteen years a member
of the City Council and for eight years
chairman of the Light Committee, died
last night at 10:10 o'clock, in his home, 219
Governor Street. At the time of his
death he was surrounded by all of his
immediate family, except Mrs. Charles
M. Caughy, who is expected to die in
New York from Cherbourg, France, where
she had hurried overland on the news
of her father's serious illness.

His Family.

Mr. Higgins leaves four daughters and
two sons—Mrs. A. A. Agnes, Parish of
Curry, County Sligo, Ireland. His parents
were most respectably connected in Con-
naught and other parts of the Fatherland.
His father's connections included such
relatives as the late Charles O'Hara,
Crown Solicitor, County Sligo, a first
cousin, and the McDermotts, his nephews,
of Carrivick, near Ballymote, same
county, a staunch old Catholic sept. His
mother, Eleanor Cunniffe, was a native
of Carramore, Parish of Bohola, County
Mayo. Among her immediate relatives
were the Coleman, O'Malley, Cunniffes,
Browns, Garveys, the attorney Kelleys,
and also the Jordans, of Roselven Castle,
between Bohola and Keltinagh. Several
of the Jordans are eminent in the legal
profession.

His Career.

John M. Higgins was born on the 25th
of February, 1832, at Agnes, Parish of
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Winston Churchill

OPENS HIS CAMPAIGN

Interference of Corporations in
Government Greatest Issue
in Country, He Says.

(By Associated Press.)

CONCORD, N. H., July 20.—Winston
Churchill, novelist, formally opened his
campaign for the Republican nomination
for Governor in New Hampshire at a
rally in this city to-night. Mr. Churchill
is running on a platform the principal
plank of which is non-interference of
corporations in State politics. In his ad-
dress to-night Mr. Churchill said, regard-
ing the alleged interference of corpora-
tions in the government and politics of
New Hampshire:

"In my opinion this is not only the
greatest issue in New Hampshire, but the
most important issue in the United
States. This same fight is being fought
in some of our sister States.

MENACING CROWDS ROUTED BY TROOPS

Wholesale Suppression
of Newspapers Causes
Disorders in Capital.

GOVERNMENT PUTS
FOOT ON ASSEMBLY

Kaulbars Directs Striking Work-
men to Return to Work or
Suffer Banishment—Men
Suspected of Having
Started Fire That Burn-
ed People Lynched.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, July 20.—The Msla
and three other newspapers of this city
were confiscated to-day. All the mem-
bers of the editorial staff of the Msla
were arrested.

The police have forbidden the news-
papers of this city to publish the text
of the address of the lower house of
Parliament to the country, which the
government has decided to regard as
being beyond the province of Parliament.

The resentment occasioned by the
wholesale suppression of newspapers and
the closing of their printing establish-
ments led to disorders this evening. A
large crowd stoned the mounted police
in the vicinity of the Stenossensky Pros-
pect, and some stones also were thrown
at a small detachment of cavalry. Other
parties of cavalry soon arrived from all
directions. The attitude of the crowd
was menacing, and the cavalry twice
fired volleys of blank cartridges before
the mob dispersed.

Crowd Sing "Marseillaise."

As M. Solomka, the chief editor of the
Msla, is a member of Parliament, M.
Moroumstet and Prince Shakhoffskol, re-
spectively president and secretary of the
lower house, immediately communicated
with the prefect of police and demanded
and received assurances that M. Solomka
should not be arrested.

A demonstration occurred when the po-
lice appeared to seal the printing estab-
lishment of the Msla. In the Stenossens-
ky Prospect, in the heart of St. Peters-
burg, the stone-throwers escaped over
bridges.

At a late hour to-night knots of people,
after the patrols had passed, sang "The
Marseillaise."

"So far as known, the disorders resulted
in no casualties.

Parliament Bows.

No further action regarding the pro-
posed address to the people was taken by
the lower House of Parliament to-day.
The Constitutional Democratic members
appeared to be heartily sick of the whole
episode and anxious to drop the subject
if the government is so minded, and there
is a disposition to shelve the rest by in-
definite postponement of the session as
to the manner of its publication.

The Peterhof circles are reported to be
jubilant over the discomfiture of the Con-
stitutional Democrats.

Must Work or Be Exiled.

(By Associated Press.)

ODessa, Russia, July 20.—The Govern-
ment of Kaulbars has issued an order
that all striking workmen in the city
must resume work by July 23 without
fail, otherwise they and all those who
support them will be sent into exile by
administrative order and every attempt
to bring the strikers back will be mercilessly
crushed by the force of arms.

The strikers are incensed by the order,
which, it is feared, may provoke out-
breaks.

The strikers will resume work to-mor-
row. Fighting raged in the streets in con-
sequence of the Governor-General's order, the
employers to-day came to an agreement
with the workmen, accepting most of the
latter's demands.

Hundreds Burned to Death.

(By Associated Press.)

SAMARA, Russia, July 20.—The latest news
from Syran is that the city is a heap of
ruins. Hundreds of persons lost their
lives in the flames, and several men
suspected of incendiarism were lynched.
Food for the starving inhabitants of
Syran is being sent from here, and from
Samar. It is reported that 4,000 houses
have been burned.

HOOPER'S FAMOUS HORSE
KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE

(By Associated Press.)

MANCHESTER, MASS., July 20.—The
famous steppeler Land of Clover,
owned by R. C. Hooper, of Boston, was
so severely injured by an automobile here
to-day that he had to be killed. A groom
was riding Land of Clover when an au-
tomobile, approaching from behind,
struck the horse a heavy blow, breaking
his leg. The groom was badly injured,
but will recover. Mr. Hooper is well
known in racing circles as "Mr. Col-
ton."

HEALTH RESTORED; ON WAY
HOME; KILLED BY TRAIN

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ALEXANDRIA, VA., July 20.—News
was received in this city to-day of the
death of Clifford A. Rowson, a young
Alexandrian, at Dodge City, Kas., on
Wednesday. Young Rowson had been in
New Mexico for several years, having
gone there for the benefit of his health.
He was on his way home. In boarding
the train at Dodge City he fell beneath
the wheels and was so badly injured
that his death followed shortly. He
was a son of Abner A. Rowson, of this
city.

SOUTHERN RAILROAD MEN
HAVE A NARROW ESCAPE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW CASTLE, N. H., July 20.—Charles
E. Lonsdorf, of Boston, C. R. Ryan,
general passenger agent of the Seaboard
Air Line Railway, of Norfolk, Va., and
C. H. Gattie, traveling passenger agent
of the Seaboard Railway, of Raleigh, had
a sensational escape yesterday when
they were hurled over the rail of the
Wentworth Bridge and were killed. The
party, with a driver named Scott, left
the Hotel Wentworth for Portsmouth
to catch a train for Boston Wood,
N. H.



LIGHT, PLEASE!

GROUND BROKEN FOR PENNSYLVANIA

The State Commission Formally
Received by the Exposition
Authorities.

A GAILY-DECORATED SPADE

The Ohio Commissioners Also
Arrived at Norfolk to Ar-
range for a Site.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., July 20.—Independence
Hall, Philadelphia, will be reproduced at
the Pennsylvania State Building at the
Jamestown Exposition, and ground for
the erection of the reproduction was
ceremoniously broken first to-day.

It will be a permanent building, costing
\$2,500, and will probably be presented out-
right by the Keystone State to the Old
Dominion.

Some of the members of the Penn-
sylvania commission arrived in the city
this morning from Philadelphia and re-
ported to the Monticello Hotel. Later they
were met by representatives of the ex-
position company and escorted to head-
quarters in the Atlantic Building, where
they met later this morning the mem-
bers of the Ohio State Commission, who accom-
panied the ceremonies attending the tak-
ing out of the first shovel of earth.

In the party are Hon. H. F. Walton,
of Philadelphia, Speaker of the House
of Delegates, and Mrs. Walton; E. N.
Thomas, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Thomas;
F. A. Jackson, of Apollo, and
Mrs. Jackson; James Pollock, of Phil-
adelphia, and Mrs. Pollock, and A. H.
Brookline, of Philadelphia, the architect
for the building.

Ohio Commission.

The members here of the Ohio com-
mission, two of whom arrived this
morning, are Colonel John P. Given, the
president; Secretary Knight, and Profes-
sor Joseph N. Bradford, of the chair of
architecture of Ohio University, who is

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LEFT MILLIONS TO
MODERNIZE RHODESIA

Beit Gave Great Sum for Devel-
opment and Construction of
Means of Communication.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, July 20.—Owing to statements
regarding the will of the late Alfred Beit,
the South African financier, the execu-
tors of Mr. Beit's estate this evening gave
out the exact terms of the bequest be-
quested to the trustees of the Rhodesia
Trust, which will be used in the develop-
ment and construction of means of com-
munication, transmission by railway,
telegraph and wireless telegraphy and
upon the Cape to Cairo Railway, which,
with other bequests for South
Africa, demonstrates that Mr. Beit's
interest in the welfare of the country
in which his fortune was made was equal
to that of his old associate, Cecil Rhodes.

SHERIFF WITH WARRANT WILL AWAIT ROCKEFELLER ON PIER

Standard Oil King Sails for Home and Ohio Officer Pre-
pares to go to New York—Question of Whether
He Can Get Extradition Papers.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, July 20.—John D. Rockefeller
sailed for New York to-day on the Ham-
burg-American Line steamer Amerika.
He was accompanied by his physician
and members of his family. Mr. Rock-
efeller declined to discuss the an-
nouncements of legal proceedings against
him which are awaiting his arrival in
the United States.

Met Him at Landing.

(By Associated Press.)

FINDLAY, O., July 20.—Sheriff Groves,
who has in his possession a warrant for
the arrest of John D. Rockefeller, based

NEW SERVICE FOR TIMES-DISPATCH

Special Long-Distance Telephone
to Be Installed in the
Editorial Rooms.

FOR QUICK COMMUNICATION

The Times-Dispatch, always in the lead
to secure promptly "all the news that's
fit to print," has made a contract with
Southern Bell Telephone and Tele-
graph Company, by which its special long-
distance service will be at the disposal
of the paper.

Special terminals will be placed in the
editorial rooms of The Times-Dispatch,
and at all hours correspondents of the
paper will be enabled to keep in touch
with the editors. A stenographer and
typewriter will receive all messages from
correspondents, who, by this means,
will be able to give quicker and more complete
reports. Every part of the State will
be under the direct control of the news
editor's voice, while the telegraph editor
will be in direct communication with
every city in the country east of the
Mississippi River. In those sections
where there are no night telegraph offices,
and consequently news has in the past
been delayed, the new Times-Dispatch
telephone system will remedy the evil
and give to the people of the State the
most complete and accurate information
to be obtained.

Special Equipment.

The equipment for this special news
service was designed and constructed by
Mr. Chauncey Smith, superintendent of
traffic of the Southern Bell Telephone and
Telegraph Company. Mr. Smith appreciated
the immense possibilities of the scheme to
increase news facilities, and after many
experiments has demonstrated the prac-
ticability of the plan.

Calls are handled through a system of
code signals, which greatly lessens the
time ordinarily necessary to secure the
connections between the army of cor-
respondents throughout the country and
The Times-Dispatch building.

"These connections are unbreakable until
the editor has secured the perfect copy
he is in the hands of the news editor. If
at any time, day or night, correspondents
in any part of the country desire to com-
municate with The Times-Dispatch, they
will not have to go out to find a tele-
graph office, or even having written the
newest telephone to be instantly in touch
with the newspaper."

This departure, however, does not mean
that the present complete telegraph ser-
vice maintained by The Times-Dispatch
will be in any way curtailed. The Veri-
tarn Union, Postal and Associated Press
wires will be used as formerly, and special
operators will be continued.

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President Informed.

(By Associated Press.)

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., July 20.—Presi-
dent Roosevelt was unofficially informed
last night of the signing of the treaty of
peace between Guatemala, Salvador and
Honduras to-day on board the American
cruiser Marblehead. The news was very
gratifying, but it was said no statement
would be made.

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BOSTON MAY RESTORE
FLAG TO NEW ORLEANS

Resolution Filed With City
Council to Be Considered
at Meeting Next Week.

(By Associated Press.)

BOSTON, MASS., July 20.—Resolutions
directing the city clerk to restore to the
city of New Orleans a Confederate flag
which was taken as a trophy of war by
Major-General Butler from the City Hall
at New Orleans when the General took
possession of that city, in April, 1862,
were filed to-day with the clerk of the
Boston Common Council by Councilman
Thomas P. Doherty. The matter will be
considered at a meeting of the Council
next week.

General Butler presented the flag to the
city in 1863, and since that time it has
been stored in a vault at City Hall.
Councilman Doherty presented his resolu-
tion at the request of the United Daugh-
ters of the Confederacy.

LABOR WILL PUSH FIGHT TO FINISH

Move of President Will
Not Check Campaign.
Gompers Declares.

ACTION NOT PROMPT
AS APPEARED TO BE

Interests of Republicans in Con-
gressional Elections Being
Looked After by Mr. Roose-
velt Personally—Confer-
ence to Be Held at Oys-
ter Bay on Monday

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 20.—Presi-
dent Gompers, of the American Federa-
tion of Labor, said to-day that the letter
of the President directing the enforce-
ment of the eight-hour law would not
cause any let up in the fight which the
Federation of Labor is making against
certain Republican candidates for Con-
gress.

President Gompers intimated that the
promulgation of the President's eight-
hour order at this particular time might
be construed as evidence that the ad-
ministration is worried about the coming
election in the Second Congressional Dis-
trict of Maine, which is at present rep-
resented by Littlefield.

"The American Federation of Labor,"
said President Gompers, "is not neglect-
ing any precinct in the Second Maine
District, and the labor unions are in
perfect harmony in the determination
to defeat Littlefield, who represents
everything but labor's cause."

Will Continue Fight.

"The President's eight-hour order will do
some good, but it will not turn labor's
vote to Littlefield, nor will it cause any
let up on the part of organized labor
to vote against candidates who refused
last Congress to respond to the appeals
of labor."

"Ever since 1903 this is what the Federa-
tion has been trying to have done. Re-
peated instances of violations of the
eight-hour law by government officials
and contractors have been reported to
the President and the members of his
Cabinet. The effect of the President's
action in this matter, of course, of
course, be good, only this step should
have been taken long ago."

"It will not relieve the Congressmen
who have been unfriendly or indifferent
to the righteous demands of organized
labor of their responsibilities. One of
the principal duties of a Congressman
is the enforcement of the law. In the
last session of Congress, was that the Federa-
tion had been unable to get action on the
new eight-hour law covering all govern-
ment work. At that time the President
promised a thorough investigation of the
instances cited by the Federation, and
a strict enforcement of the law. He is
now merely carrying out that promise,
if he has issued the order to-day
reputed to him."

Move Very Slowly.

"Any one not acquainted with the facts
would think that this action on the part
of the administration was most prompt,
and that the President's action in order-
ing the strict enforcement of the eight-
hour law was the outcome of the visit
to the White House on the 21st of May
March, when the President and Govern-
ment were presented to the President. But
the fact is, the American Federation of Labor
called the administration's attention to
the violation of the eight-hour law by
contractors and officials as far back as
the 18th of September, 1903. We kept
after the President, and corresponded
with the President, furnishing him with
data on the subject, but not until after
we called with the committee on the 21st
of last March and presented labor's bill
of grievances, and again referred to
the gross violations of the eight-hour law
and the indifference of officials charged
with the enforcement of the law, for
the enforcement of the eight-hour law
been needed."

President Gompers said one effect of
the President's order was to overrule
the decision rendered by the Judge-advoc-
ate of the Army in September, 1904, that
the law on the duty of the Secretary of
War to institute proceedings for viola-
tion of the eight-hour law. Parties who
think the law is being violated by con-
tractors, the Judge-advocate-general said,
should submit their complaints to the
proper United States attorney.

Is Master Stroke.

Notwithstanding this reiteration of the
purpose of the Federation to fight, Presi-
dent Roosevelt has certainly again demon-
strated his possession of wonderful abil-
ities as a politician. His letter to the
Secretary of War and the Secretary of
the Navy, directing them to prosecute
contractors on government work who
violate the Federal statute prohibiting the
work of employees on such work longer
than eight hours in any one day, is un-
questionably a master stroke, and ought
to make the President pretty solid with
the masses in the workmen's unions.

The letter is a palpable attempt to head
off the opposition of the labor element to
the Republican candidates for Congress
in many States, and is nothing more nor
less than the protest which the heads of
the American Federation of Labor pre-
sented to the President at the White
House last spring. The President, as Mr.
Gompers points out, promised at the time
that if the labor people would specify
a particular case in which the law had
been or was being violated, he would in-
stitute steps looking to its enforcement. It
is understood that the excuse for the
letter directing the rigid enforcement of
the law is the violation of the eight-hour
statute by the contractor who is erecting
the bridge which is to connect two
hills on Connecticut Avenue, extended, in
this city. It is also understood that the
contractor who is constructing a dry
dock for the government at Charleston,
S. C., will be indicted for violation of the
law in about ten days.

There is reason for saying that the
President is virtually directing the Fed-
eration to continue its campaign. When
the publican construction of the White
year, while Representative "Jim" Shan-